

Edgemont & Upper Capilano Community Association

27th Annual General Meeting
7:00pm, Wednesday, March 13th, 2019
Capilano Branch Library – Potlatch Room
Chair: Grig Cameron
Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order:

Meeting Chairperson, Grig Cameron, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed approximately 70 attendees. Grig gave a brief outline of the agenda and explained that EUCCA General Meetings are run under the “New England Town Hall” format where anyone may speak when acknowledged by the Chair, but once a point has been made it should not be repeated. It was noted that although all general meetings are open to anyone to attend – EUCCA is a residents’ association and only members may vote on issues.

2. Presentation on the Capilano Suspension Bridge’s Temporary Use Permit Application for Additional Vehicle Parking:

Representing the CSB, Virginia Bird and consultant Steven Petersson outlined the application for a Temporary Use Permit for the properties at 3430–3482 Capilano Road. The plan is to increase parking supply by adding surface level parking; and improve traffic flow on Capilano Road through road reconfiguration. Steven noted that the site in question is occupied by three residential duplexes that have reached the end of their life cycle and are in need of significant infrastructure renewal. During peak periods the CSB has utilized additional parking at various locations around the community, including Handsworth School which will no longer be available due to the imminent construction of a new school. The proposed TUP would include:

- Demolition of the existing duplexes for additional 100 (+/-) CSB parking stalls
- New northbound left-turn lane on Capilano Rd. leading into bus parking lot
- New northbound right-turn lane into eastern parking lot at south access
- Replacement of on-street mini-coach parking stalls with on-street pick-up / drop-off area

As for the CSB’s long-term plans, they are considering the following:

- Underground or above-grade parking to replace temporary surface parking
- A pedestrian overpass over Capilano Rd. to replace the existing crosswalk
- Extension of the right-turn lane off Capilano Rd. and undergrounding utility poles
- New point-of-sale software to better accommodate distribution of guest arrival times
- Improved signage on Capilano Rd.

Comments from attendees included:

- That the proposed additional parking will bring more cars with no benefit to the community

- Buses turning left are not interrupting traffic as much as the pedestrians crossing Capilano Rd.
- Pedestrian overpass would eliminate most traffic problems; more parking not needed
- Q. – Is the CSB planning on a permanent above or below ground lot on the proposed temporary lot? A. – Yes on what is the current residential.
- There are less than 100 days of CSB traffic congestion so the expanded parking lot isn't needed
- Visitors to the CSB will still park on residential streets to avoid paying
- Q. – Why has the CSB purchased houses on Greenbriar and Norcross? A. – Rental housing for CSB staff
- The existing duplexes were in good condition (said a previous owner) and should still be viable affordable housing
- There are ground water issues on east side of Capilano Rd.
- TUPs were never intended for commercial use of residential properties other than for storage
- The CSB once promised the community that they wanted only to improve the experience for the 1 million visitors a year; now they have 1.2 million visitors.

3. Coffee Break (courtesy of Delany's) & Dues Collection

4. Handsworth School Track – Presentation by Kitty Castle:

EUCCA member Kitty Castle noted that Handsworth School is going to be rebuilt with the construction scheduled to begin in July. The new school will be constructed on the existing playing field and when it is finished the old school will be demolished and a playing field will go in its place. The plans do not include a running track. Other presentation highlights included:

- The running track at Handsworth School has existed since 1970 with a new track surface in 1996 that was funded by the School Board, DNV, and community efforts
- No detailed study on the loss of the track
- School Board says it takes no responsibility for replacement of the track
- No tracks on the North Shore meet competition standards
- School parking stalls including those on Handsworth Rd. will be reduced from 174 to 120

5. Treasurer's Report (Corrie Kost):

Corrie gave the annual treasurer's report noting expenditures for meeting room rental and other costs. The balance in the Association's account is \$1093.78.

6. Annual Election of EUCCA Executive Committee

Grig noted that all EUCCA members were duly notified to proclaim their interest or nominate another member to serve on the Executive Committee by February 8th. The following were therefore elected by acclamation:

- Arzoo Babul
- Grig Cameron
- Adrian Chaster
- Susan Hyam
- Corrie Kost (Treasurer)
- Elizabeth Mclenehan (new)
- Louise Nagle
- Eric Skowronek
- Peter Thompson

Grig thanked Brian Platts and Ron Johnstone for their years of service on the Executive Committee (Brian will assist with the secretarial transition and until otherwise instructed remain as the liaison with DNV Hall).

7. Village Developments (Peter Thompson):

Peter presented the status of development currently taking place:

- **Grosvenor Connaught** – behind schedule could be November occupancy for **Thrifty Foods**.
- **BOFFO I** – mostly finished
- **BOFFO II** – rejected by new DNV Council at 4th Reading
- **Domas** – (Brookridge Dr.) gone quiet.
- **Crescentview** – excavation should begin this spring.
- **I4** – 8 townhouse project on Canfield Cr. Public Info Meeting last fall. Still in process
- **Omicron** – 3-storey commercial/residential project at Queens/Woodbine. Public Info Meeting last summer. Still in the process
- **Wedgewood Development** (Capilano road below strip mall at Montroyal) Rezoning application was approved but no timeline for construction.

8. Edgemont Village Scuttlebutt (Eric Skowronek):

- Likely November occupancy for **Thrifty Foods**.
- Grosvenor building will have another pizza restaurant as well as Café Norte
- New yogurt vendor

9. Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The meeting adjourned and the chairs were put away with the assistance of the attendees.